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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DD/P/SR
ATTENTION : SR-2 []
THROUGH : Chief, DD/P/TSS
SUBJECT : Handwriting Comparison, Identification
and Analysis AECOB/4
(5199)

1. This report covers technical examination of certain documents of questioned origin submitted by SR. The examination was originated by [] SR-2, on 21 May 1956, with a request that the handwriting on the documents in question be compared for identification and analyzed for the purpose of ascertaining the psychological characteristics of the writer. All physical evidence submitted by the requestor and covered in the course of this examination is attached hereto.

2. It is our conclusion that all of the handwritten material was executed by one and the same person. (This does not include the lower half of Page 2 and the marginal note in the letter dated 7 VII '54.)

3. It was impossible to report on the identification of the secret writing text as there are no known standards for comparison.

4. The writer is a clever person who tries to control his actions and reactions rigidly.

He has a good intelligence and seems to be well-educated. His way of thinking is clear and sharp. He has a dissecting mind and is inclined to analyze a problem or a situation in its minute details. By concentrating his attention on the separation and isolation of factors and items, he may occasionally miss the connection and relationship between them. He

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discards irrevelancies as much as possible and tries to deal with the essentials. His intellectual and practical tendencies are fairly well balanced, with a slight emphasis on the latter. He has assimilated fairly well the material he has read and studied and is able to utilize it adequately whenever needed. His critical faculties are pronounced, and he may be over-critical, at times. He is a very good observer, who notices and records the smallest detail. He has some fantasy and imagination, which he does not exercise quite freely. He is sober-minded in his approach and forces himself to exclude anything which could be considered superfluous and not to the point.

He has some originality, which he tries to integrate in generally accepted and conventional trends of thought. At the same time, he is able to find an unusual solution to a common-place problem, if a situation demands it. He also is able to change his tactics at a moment's notice, in order to execute a plan successfully, under changed circumstances. He has initiative, but he will not act impulsively. He will find out the lay of the land, and proceed carefully and cautiously. His rational sense of proportion is well balanced; he can figure and calculate well, and is able to make the best possible use of money and material at his disposal. Some intuition and fingertip feeling support his strictly rationally controlled actions. In general, he tries to be exact and conscientious in the performance of his tasks, but he cannot avoid occasional small inaccuracies and omissions. He has the ability to concentrate, but his work performance suffers somewhat, when he is in a complex situation or confronted with a variety of problems. By nature, he is a meticulous, but not a consistent person. However, he makes an effort to function methodically, and not without success.

Emotionally, the writer is somewhat strained and under tension. In order to prevent his emotional difficulties from interfering with his activities, he exercises the aforementioned rigid rational control over his impulses. By nature, he is somewhat excitable and given to mood fluctuations. He is somewhat erratic and egocentered and limits emotional contacts to a minimum. He is impressionable and instinctually susceptible. He has pronounced sympathies and possibly some idiosyncracies. Being forced to repress his sensitivities to a considerable degree, causes an inner conflict situation, which absorbs a great

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amount of his psychophysical energy. His emotional and instinctual balance is somewhat impaired, although he has enough resources left, at present, to hold his own. While he may have pledged himself to one authority (for personal reasons possibly) and work constructively within its pattern, he is nevertheless fundamentally not quite reliable emotionally. He is not quite sincere and has the ability to identify himself with various patterns. While these faculties may represent an asset in his present work, they may also represent a pitfall in the light of his emotional vulnerability. One could say that the extreme rigid rational control is an over compensation for his instinctual emotional shiftiness.

The writer has mental and practical capacities which should qualify him as a useful, shrewd, and to some degree independent worker. However (unless there are definite known reasons why he would not change his allegiance), a certain precaution in trusting him implicitly may be advisable.

5. This report must be qualified to some degree, however, as the bulk of the evidence submitted is photographic in nature and not original material.

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